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**International Event "Justice, Future Generations and the Environment"  
Paris, French Constitutional Council, Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2024**

**On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2024, an international high-level event on "Justice, Future Generations and the Environment" will be held in Paris, organized by the French Constitutional Council in partnership with the French Institute for Studies and Research on Law and Justice (IERDJ). Around a hundred Presidents and Judges from national supreme Courts, regional Courts, and international Tribunals will take part. They will be able to share their experiences and deepen their understanding of the concept of "future generations", which is increasingly invoked in environmental litigation.**

This unprecedented event will bring together under Chatham House Rule renowned judges from all legal systems, from all levels (national, regional, and international), and from all jurisdictions (constitutional, administrative, and judicial). Among the speakers will be in particular Laurent Fabius, President of the French Constitutional Council, Karim A. A.Khan KC, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Síofra O'Leary, President of the European Court of Human Rights, Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Claire Bazy-Malaurie, President of the Venice Commission, Luís Roberto Barroso, President of the Supreme Federal Tribunal of Brazil, Dineke de Groot, President of the Supreme Court of The Netherlands, Stephan Harbarth, President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, Martha Koome, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Luc Lavrysen, President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium, Richard Wagner, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Linping Yang, Vice President environment of the Supreme People's Court of China, Antonio H. Benjamin, Judge at the National High Court of Brazil, Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot, Judge and Former President of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights, Maria Singh, Associate Justice at the Supreme Court of the Philippines. High-level personalities will also take part in this meeting : Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel, Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Philosopher and Professor at Columbia University, Fatih Birol, Executive director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), Vanessa Nakate, Founder of Youth for Future Africa and Rise Up Movement, Jim Skea, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). In addition to Laurent Fabius, President of the French Constitutional Council, the Presidents of all apex French Courts, Didier-Roland Tabuteau, Vice President of the Council of State, Christophe Soulard, First president of the Court of Cassation, Pierre Moscovici, First president of the Cour des comptes, as well as judges of these institutions, will also participate in this event.

This Event represents a milestone in the international dialogue among judges and aims at building justice for future generations. Three topics will be addressed: "Access to Courts in defense of future generations", "Legal basis for the protection of future generations" and "Enforceability of the legal concept of future generations." The discussions and conclusions reached on this occasion could contribute to the preparation of the "Declaration on Future Generations" which is to be discussed at the Summit of the Future organized by United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, in New York in September 2024.

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